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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 197 (d)
AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)

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As is apparent in said Search Report, applicants' undersigned attorney hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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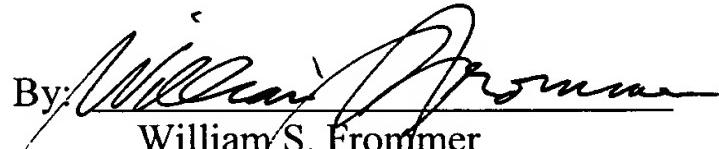
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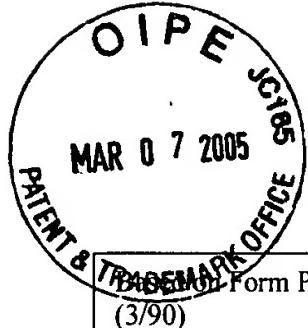
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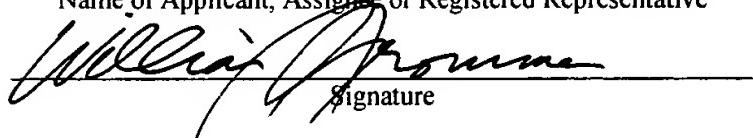
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**PETITION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 197 (d)**

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This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (d) requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith after receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 24, 2005.

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This petition is accompanied by the petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i).

In view of the above, applicants request that this petition be granted and that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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